Idle power homes in Orissa

*105. SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR SAHU: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of big power houses which have been lying idle for more than one year in Orissa; and what are the reasons therefor; and

(b) when these power houses are likely to go into operation?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) There is no large power house in Orissa which has been lying idle.

(b) Does not arise.

*106. [*Transferred to the 6th March, 1986*].

*107. [*Withdrawn.*]

Resentment amongst the ONGC personnel in Bodra Drilling project

*108. SHRI R. K. PODDAR:
SHRIMATI KANAK MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Business Standard dated, 3rd December, 1985 regarding the resentment amongst the oil and Natural Gas Commission personnel working in Bodra drilling project in the 24-Parganas district in West Bengal for the induction of American experts over and above the Indian and Soviet experts;

(b) if so, what are the reasons for such resentment and how Government propose to solve the problem;

(c) whether that has caused any set-back to the project; and

(d) whether the induction of American experts was unavoidable?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OR PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No resentment has been reported by the ONGC.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) The assistance was considered desirable to resolve the technical problems encountered in drilling.

Study on working of the BCCL

*109. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK:
SHRI SHANKER SINH VAGHELA:

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration for appointment of a Committee to make an in-depth study of the working of Bharat Coking Coal Limited, a subsidiary of Coal India Limited:

(b) if so, the names and the number of the Committee's members; and

(c) what are its terms of reference and when is it likely to submit a report to the Government of India?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) to (c) A Committee with Shri A. N. Banerjee, retired Chairman-cum-Managing Director, Central Mine Planning and Design Institute Limited as the Chairman and S/shri U. N. Jha, retired Chief Mining Engineer, H. S. Ahuja, retired Director General of Mines Safety, N. R. Mitra, retired Chairman-cum-Managing Director, BCCL, B. Swaminathan, former Adviser,Bureau of Public Enterprises and D. V. Paranjpe, former Director, (Technical), Singareni Collieries Company Ltd., as the Members and Shri R. K. Yashroy, General Manager, Western Coalfields Ltd., as the Member-Secretary, has been appointed in January, 1986 by the Department of Coal to

make an indepth study of the working of BCCL with a view to identifying the various problems plaguing the Company and finding out remedial measures to be taken to get over those problems in order to enable the company to achieve its main objectives of scientific development of coking coal reserves in its jurisdiction, increasing coal production and implementing other schemes for the development and welfare in a time-bound manner. The terms of reference of the Committee are as under:—

(i) To examine the present production capability of the company and recommend measures for improvement in production, productivity, utilisation of man-power and machinery and management in general;

(ii) to examine reasons for the delay in the implementation of projects and the Master Plan for Jharia coalfield and suggest effective steps to expedite the implementation of projects and avoid time and cost over runs;

(iii) to examine the working of BCCL washeries and suggest suitable measures for improvement in their operations;

(iv) to suggest a perspective plan for an optimal production and investment programme for the company upto the year 1999-2000, after taking into account the need for technological modernisation;

(v) to examine the working of the existing ropeway and suggest measures for increasing its capacity utilisation;

(vi) to examine the measures taken by the company for implementing projects for the control of underground fires in Jharia coalfields and make recommendations for improving and augmenting fire control measures;

(vii) to examine the problem of availability of sand for BCCL mines and suggest methods for augmenting its supply;

(viii) to examine the measures taken by the company for departmentalisation of coal transport and suggest improvement in the working of the system and also to examine measures which the company can take to departmentalise transport of sand;

(ix) to review the existing costing and financial systems and recommend an efficient system of cost and budgetary control and identify areas of cost reduction;

(x) to suggest a time-bound schedule for the implementation of the various recommendations.

The Committe has been asked to submit its report by the end of April, 1986.

Cement production

*110. SHRIMATI SUDHA VIJAY JOSHI:

SHRI KALPNATH RAI:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the target of cement production in the country for the year 1985-86;

(b) whether the target is likely to be achieved; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to meet the needs of the consumers if there is shortfall?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI NARAYAN DUTT TIWARI): (a) 33.5 million tonnes.

(b) Production of cement at the end of 1985-86 is expected to be around 32.5 million tonnes.

(c) There has been an overall increase in the production of cement in the country from 23.32 million tonnes in 1982-83 to estimated 32.5 million